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Applicant: Stephen J. Todd et al.
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For: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR INCREASING DATA
STORAGE CAPACITY
Examiner: T. S. Najee-Ullah
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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Dear Sir:

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of granting and conducting an interview on July 28, 2011. The Examiner, the Examiner's supervisor and Supervisory Examiner Philip Lee, participated in the interview on behalf of the Office.

During the interview, Amendments filed July 15, 2011 were discussed. Supervisory Examiner Lee suggested that the limitation added to claim 1 could be interpreted as indicating that all of the plurality of storage clusters access one software utility. It was agreed, however, that, for the purposes of conducting a further search, the limitation would be interpreted to signify that the software utility recited in the claim is not shared among nodes in different clusters. It was agreed that, upon receiving search results, further clarifications might be considered.

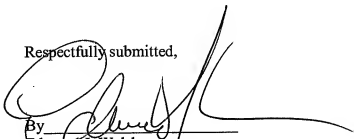
Possible issues under §101 in relation to claims 41 and 97 were also raised by the Examiner. However, it was agreed that the meaning of the term "controller" as appearing in the claim when

interpreted in light of the specification would be considered by the Examiner prior to issuing a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this communication.. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23/2825 under Docket No. E0295.70199US00 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: July 28, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edmund J. Walsh', is written over a horizontal line.

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